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A DESIGNING CONTEST?
THE SCHOOL IS COLLABORATING WITH SOME PRODUCERS TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!
Chatter
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THE DESIGNING COURSES DON'T DEST NGUISH BY GRADE. BUT ONCE EVERY YEAR
EACH STUDENT, EITHER BY THEMSELVES OR IN A PAIR, CAN CREATE A SET OF CLOTHES AS FOR THE REWARD
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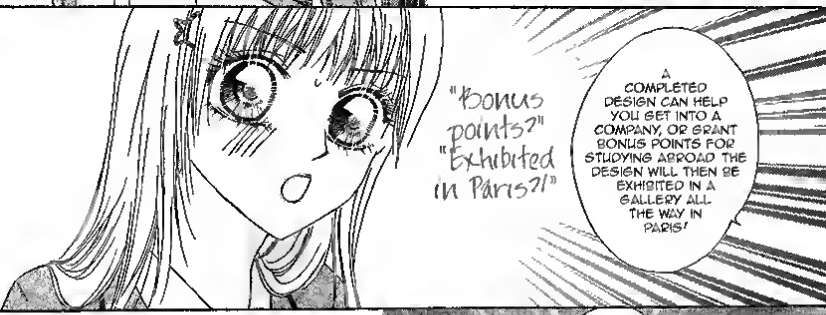

"Bonus points?" "Exhibited in Paris?!"
A COMPLETED DESIGN CAN HELP YOU GET INTO A COMPANY, OR GRANT BONUS POINTS FOR STUDYING ABROAD THE DESIGN WILL THEN BE EXHIBITED IN A GALLERY ALL THE WAY IN PARIS!

OH, THAT'S ME!
EXCUSE ME. I'M LOOKING FOR LIAN XIAO YI FROM THE CLOTHES DEPARTMENT?
I'M PARTICIPATING!

YOU SEE THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT'S STAGE COSTUMES HAVE BEEN DAMAGED HERE AND THERE
IF YOU HAVE SOME TIME, COULD YOU TRY AND MEND THEM...?
ALL RIGHT! WHY DON'T WE DO THIS TOGETHER, XIN RUI?
SURE!
That's what your girls get for provoking him!
THERE'S ONE MORE, BUT...
THAT GUY DOESN'T WANT TO TAKE IT OFF, SO WE'RE IN A BIT OF A PINCH...
IS THIS ALL?
WE FIGURED... YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP US OUT...
WELL...
WHAT?! WHAT KIND OF BIG SHOT DOES HE THINK HE IS? WHAT'S HE HOGGING IT FOR?!

YO!
SO THEY FINALLY DECIDED TO CALL YOU HERE!
What?!
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP

IT'S ONLY A DRAMA'S REHEARSAL YET I GOTTA CHANGE OUTFITS AND DO COUNTLESS OTHER THINGS...
She's pretty angry
SO IF DESIGNERS TELL ME TO TAKE IT OFF, I JUST SHUT UP AND DO SO? UNBELIEVABLE!
SHENG... SHENG YE?!
YOU... HOW COME YOU'RE DRESSED UP LIKE THIS?!
They even sprayed your hair black and silver!
B-BUT IT'S REALLY COOL. YOU LOOK VERY HANDSOME, YOU KNOW?
BA-THUMP
BA-THUMP
SUPER COOL!
"REALLY COOL?"
Anger vanished!
NOW, LET'S TAKE OFF THOSE CLOTHES SO I CAN FIX THEM!
and please!
DON'T WANT TO, FLATTER ME MORE
WHAT'S WITH YOU? YOU WANT TO GIVE ME THAT 'YOUNG MASTER' ATTITUDE AGAIN?!

OH, BUT YOU'RE BLUSHING, AND LET ME GUESS YOUR HEART'S RACING?
IT WON'T, IT WON'T! HURRY UP AND TAKE THEM OFF ALREADY!
DEPENDS, WOULD IT WORK ON YOU?
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
THEN, I'LL WAIT UNTIL IT IS BEFORE I COOPERATE..
BA-THUMP
Pull
Give in
This is the worst! That jerk is playing around with me pushing me to acknowledge it!
BA-THUMP
I'M UNDRESSING, SO NO PEEPING!
FINE! MY HEART IS BEATING FASTER HAPPY NOW?
Transcendence
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? I'M FIXING YOUR OUTFIT, HERE!
THE MOMENT YOU SEE CLOTHES.. YOU STOP LOOKING AT ME!
SEW SEW SEW
If only I'd known
ONLY THE HEM NEEDS MENDING? YOU WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO TAKE IT OFF.
THEY WERE THE ONES WHO DECIDED IT NEEDED TO BE TAKEN OFF!

HOLD ON! SHENG.. WE'RE.. BACK-STAGE!
NNN...
Huh...?
WE'LL JUST HIDE BEHIND THIS!
FLUTTER
HUH?

Ba-thump

THAT'S NOT ENOUGH, I WANT MORE!
NO! IF I LET YOU HAVE YOUR WAY, IT WON'T STAY AT JUST A KISS!
YOU'RE EXPECTING ME TO DO SOMETHING TO YOU, THEN?
O-OBVIOUSLY NOT! DON'T JUST TWIST MY WORDS!
HNN...
REALLY... ARE YOU AWARE OF YOUR POSITION AT ALL...?
IF YOU'D JUST LET ME KISS YOU, I JUST MIGHT!
TH-THAT'S ENOUGH! WHAT IF SOMEONE SEES US?!
AND IF YOU GET ANY LOUDER, EVEN MORE PEOPLE MIGHT FIND OUT!

XIAO YI, DID YOU FINISH MENDING THE CLOTHES? SHALL WE GO BACK TO THE CLASSROOM TOGETHER?
?!
SEE WHAT, AN IDOL?
OR A WOLF THAT'S NOT AFRAID TO BE EXPOSED?
Did she see us just now?!
DID YOU SEE?
XIN... XIN RUI! I'M...STILL FIXING IT!
OH MY, LOOK AT THE TIME! XIAO YI, LET'S GO!
I'LL WORRY ABOUT THAT ONCE IT ACTUALLY HAPPENS
HUH...? OKAY!
XIN... XIN RUI!

NOT THAT I'M DENYING YOUR RELATIONSHIP, THOUGH. HE'S ACTUALLY QUITE RELIABLE
Ah...
I DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING, AND I'M NOT INTO GOSSIP, ANYWAY!
I'M EVEN LESS INTERESTED IN PROMOTING SEX SCANDALS!
XIN RUI, WE WERE JUST-
SHENG YE THE FAMOUS, COLD-BLOODED IDOL FROM AROUND TURNS OUT TO BE VERY PASSIONATE ABOUT YOU!-
Who would've thought? My, my
You
How much did you really see?
HOT POT, HOT POT! DURING WINTER, IT HAS TO BE HOT POT. ♡♡
WEI, DON'T JUST DRINK THE SOUP! YOU'VE HAD THREE BOWLS, ALREADY!
BUT I LIKE THIS STUFF MOST!
YUM! ♡ THIS IS GREAT!

MY "OWN GOOD?!"
ARE YOU TRYING TO IMITATE THOSE FOUR NOSY PARKERS I USED TO LIVE WITH?!
BAM
WHICH MAKES IT VERY HIGH IN CALORIES! DRINKING TOO MUCH OF IT WILL MAKE YOU FAT! BEING IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY YOU HAVE TO KEEP A GOOD FIGURE
WHILE THE INGREDIENTS BOIL, THE SOUP ABSORBS ALL THE NUTRIENTS,
I'M THINKING ABOUT YOUR OWN GOOD HERE!
Those meddlesome girls
Eldest Sister abhors fatness
THEY FORBADE FOOD LIKE POTATO CHIPS, COKE AND DEEP FRIED FOOD, SAYING IT'S "FOR MY OWN GOOD!"
No, no!
Third sister doesn't like the skinny-muscular guy type
THEY WOULDN'T LET ME TRAIN WITH DUMBBELLS, LIFT POLES, OR DO ANY TYPE OF MARTIAL ARTS "FOR MY OWN GOOD!"
Second Sister pursues soft and fair-skin type "boss are I annoy!"
THEY FORCED ME TO GO TO SLEEP AT TEN O'CLOCK SHARP BUT NOT BEFORE I'D PUT ON A FACE AND EYE MASK, ALL "FOR MY OWN GOOD!"
Fourth sister likes large bright eyes so no shortsighted chicks
Oh no!
THEY NEVER ALLOWED ME TO PLAY VIDEO GAMES MUCH BECAUSE IT REQUIRED WATCHING A SCREEN. OF COURSE, "FOR MY OWN GOOD!"

Wei's beautiful appearance was carefully nurtured by his sisters.
IS THAT SO...
They're really trying to think about what's best for you, you know...
"FOR MY OWN GOOD" THIS, "FOR MY OWN GOOD" THAT... IT'S SO ANNOYING! AND I'M SUPPOSED TO LISTEN TO THEM?!
They're just playing around with me!
Roar
Roar
Shout
HE PROBABLY WENT OUT ON THE BALCONY
HE SAID HE WANTED TO GET SOME FRESH AIR
Gulp Gulp
Still drinking
WHAT'S TAKING SHENG YE SO LONG?
"Some fresh air?" But it's pretty cold today...
WHAT?

He seems deep in thought pretty often lately...
staring off into the distance for a long time thinking...
I really want to ask him what's on his mind but I'm afraid that the more I know the more uneasy I feel about it.
IT'S NOT EVEN THAT COLD, AND YOU'RE ALREADY SNEEZING? COME HERE!
ACHOO!
AH...

IT'S SO WARM...
THIS IS FOR YOU.
WHAT?
AW, WHAT A CUTE PENDANT! ♡♡
YOU'VE BEEN GETTING SOFTER AND SOFTER. IT REALLY SURPRISES PEOPLE, YOU KNOW?
HMPH! DON'T BE RIDICULOUS
AHA-HAHA!

SO, DOES IT LOOK GOOD ON ME? ♡
MHM...
I LIKE IT A LOT! THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE GIVEN ME A PRESENT...
THE DESIGN'S ADORABLE WITH THE PAIR OF WINGS ON EACH SIDE OF THE LOCK
IT'S LIKE THAT OF AN ANGEL ♡
A lock?
The more she thinks about it, the weirder it seems.
An angelic lock... ♡
"Lock..."
.....
ITS DESIGN IS A LOCK... SHOULDN'T THERE BE A KEY?
IS THIS PART OF A SET?
REALLY... USUALLY, YOU'RE PRETTY SLOW,
Sigh
BUT AT TIMES LIKE THESE, YOU GET VERY SENSITIVE TO SMALL DETAILS...
ARE YOU TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT WITH ME?!

TO LOCK YOU UP.
(uhoh...)
I'M WEARING THE KEY.
skuma
EVIL
YOU'RE RIGHT, IT'S A SET. I HAVE THE DEMONIC DESIGN.
WHAT? I SHOULD BE THE ONE WEARING THE KEY, SO I CAN LOCK YOU UP!
I WANT TO HAVE THE KEY!
FINE! I'LL ORDER ANOTHER KEY AND GIVE IT TO YOU.
HUG
YOU'RE NOT KIDDING? I'LL HOLD YOU TO IT!

SHENG YE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUTSIDE? IT'S VERY COLD, SO HURRY UP AND COME BACK INSIDE
HAVE YOU SEEN XIAO YI?
I... I'LL BE THERE IN JUST A MOMENT!
Da- da- da- dad?!
MA- MANAGER LIAN?!
GET A MOVE ON. IT'D BE BAD IF YOU CAUGHT A COLD!
-NO,-
COVER
I HAVEN'T
Bu- Huhu
Bu- Huhu
Bu- Huhu
This really isn't our day. We've been discovered by two people who mind!

WELL, IT'S PRETTY COLD OUT, SO IF YOU SEE XIAO YI, TELL HER TO GET BACK INSIDE!
IS THAT SO?
HM...?
I'LL BE RIGHT THERE
CLOSE
I WILL!
a romantic relationship is forbidden...
And I'm the manager's daughter, to top things off...
STEAM
After all, he's Ardour's manager
he knew there's no doubt he'd be against it!!
be in public
secret
BU-THUMP BU-THUMP
I DON'T THINK HE DID DON'T WORRY SO MUCH!
HE HE FOUND OUT, DIDN'T HE?!

BY THE WAY, DAD, I...
I need to find out...
I'M FULL.
IF YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING, CONSIDER THE SITUATION THOROUGHLY BEFORE YOU SPEAK
clack
"Co- consider thoroughly?!" I'm done for! He definitely knows!
SNAP
DAD! ARE YOU WORKING LATE TODAY?
I'D LIKE TO-
CHATTER
HUH? PAY ATTENTION TO THE SITUATION. YOU'RE WORKING AS AN ASSISTANT RIGHT NOW
IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING, WAIT UNTIL YOU GO HOME!
There's nothing on
CHATTER
FOR NOW, THERE ARE TWO THAT-
WHAT ABOUT THE RECEPTION OF THE AUDIO?

You just hope I'm not going out with Sheng Ye!
What's left to discuss?
Transcendence
MANAGER LIAN CHEN A PHONE CALL FOR YOU!
MURMUR
HELLO?
HMM...
YES!
YES, THAT'S RIGHT!
...
SHENG YE, COME HERE FOR A MINUTE
WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT? THEY HAVE SUCH SERIOUS EXPRESSIONS!
.....
THREE DAYS IS FINE
CAN I HAVE XIAO YI ACCOMPANY ME?
WHY?

BECAUSE WE'RE GOING OUT.
BOOM
Whoa!
I DID.
ALL RIGHT THEN YOU CAN GO TOGETHER. PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS, AND DON'T GET CAUGHT ON CAMERA!
THAT'S ENOUGH... XIAO YI, I WAS WAITING FOR SHENG YE TO TELL ME HIMSELF
SHENG YE, YOU... WAHHH! DAD, I... HE... SHENG YE AND I...
Ahhh! What are you saying?!
The fruit! obviously!
Bach Peach Bach
SINCE YOU'RE BEING HONEST WITH ME... YOU'VE SHOWN ME HOW EARNEST YOU ARE. THAT'S WHY I WON'T INTERFERE
SHENG YE, DID YOU CONSIDER EVERYTHING CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU TOLD ME THIS?
DAD...

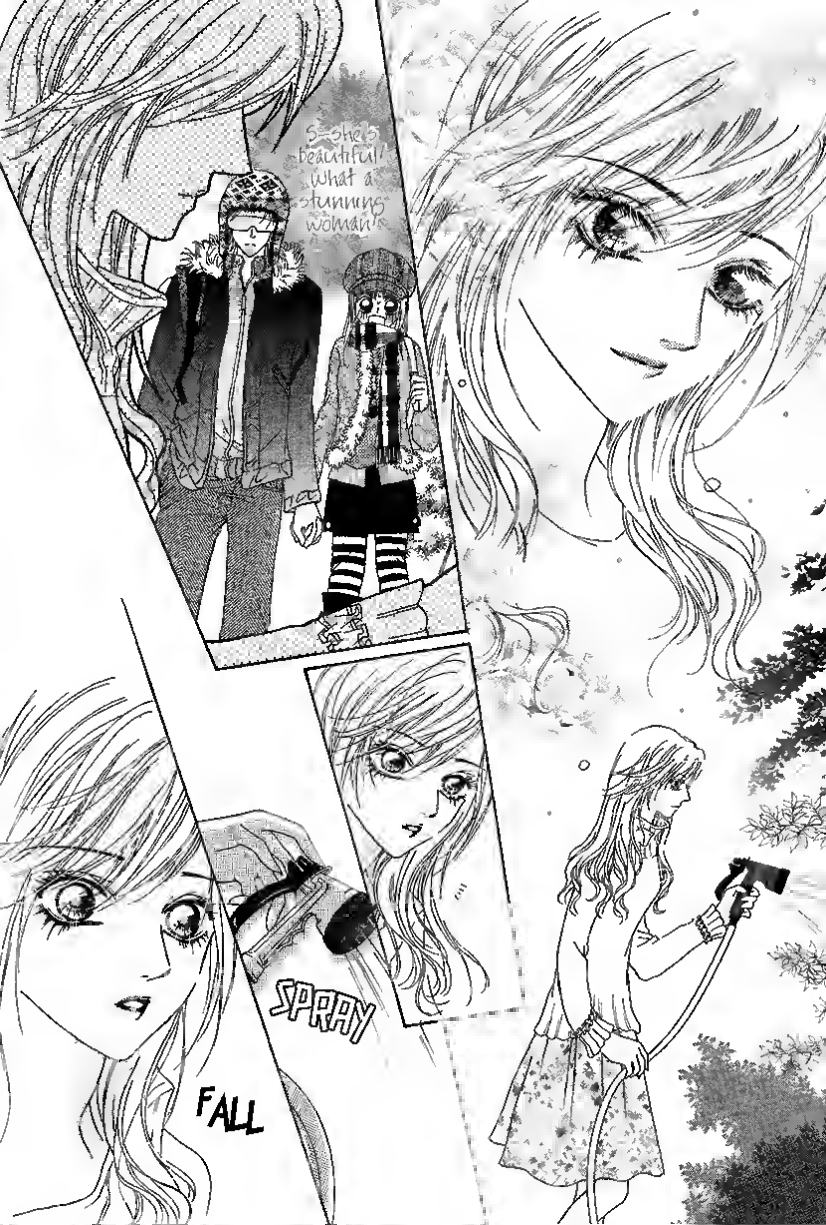
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN, MANAGER LIAN?!
I KNEW ONE OF YOU THREE WAS BOUND TO CAUSE PROBLEMS
THANK GOOD-NESS IT WASN'T YOU, A YAO~
Sigh
WHAT?! DAD, YOU...
LET'S GO! COME PACK YOUR BAG.
JUST GO! SHENG YE WILL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING
TO TELL DAD STRAIGHT OUT?
HEY, WHAT MADE YOU SO SUDDENLY DECIDE...
HE'S YOUR FATHER, ON TOP OF THAT, I OUGHT TO SAY THESE KINDS OF THINGS!
SOMETIMES, WE EITHER NEED TO STEP BACK OR DO THINGS UNDERCOVER
PEOPLE IN THE EN-TERTAINMENT INDUSTRY ARE RESTRICTED IN VARIOUS WAYS
SO I DON'T WANT TO HIDE OR KEEP ANYTHING FROM HIM.
MANAGER LIAN HAS HELPED ME MANY TIMES SO FAR.
In the past he'd always been unpredictable and superficial. He used to make me feel like he could vanish at any moment
YOU...
WE'RE JUST GOING OUT. IT'S NOT LIKE THAT'S WRONG IN ANY WAY
Things are so different now...
IF HE HAD OPPOSED OUR RELATIONSHIP WE COULD'VE COME UP WITH WAYS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM

DO YOU REALLY THINK OF ME AS YOUR GIRL-FRIEND...?
WHAT...?
JUST HOW STUPID ARE YOU?! DO YOU THINK I HAVE THE TIME TO PLAY AROUND WITH PEOPLE THIS WAY?!
AND BESIDES, WHY WOULD I HAVE TOLD YOUR FATHER, THEN?!
He's never told me he likes me
let alone sweet words
But... this is no different from formally announcing our relationship...
BU-THUMP
BU-THUMP

The fact that he did this actually makes me so...
A promise that we'll continue to stay together.
WHAT WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT WITH DAD, THOUGH?
WHY IS IT JUST US GOING TO THE SOUTH FOR THREE DAYS?
This is him...
YOU'RE RIGHT.
giving me a sense of security...
I LIKE YOU SO MUCH.

WHERE ARE WE GOING?
YOU'LL KNOW WHEN WE GET THERE.
Thus...
is the residential district!!
CLOSE
It's different from the city. It feels very peaceful...
SHENG YE, YOU'RE HOLDING ME TOO TIGHT
WHAT?
HUH?

TAP
Spray
BA-THUMP
HUH... RIGHT... OH!
What is this?
Sheng Ye... Is he nervous?
Spray
BA-THUMP
Who's that over there...?


S-she's beautiful! What a stunning woman!
SPRAY
FALL

SHENG... SHENG YE?
SHENG YE! YOU'RE REALLY HERE?
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D STOP BY TODAY...
AH...
I CONTACTED MISTER LIAN, HOPING YOU'D REPLY...
YOU BROUGHT A FRIEND!
OH NICE TO MEET YOU MY NAME IS XIAO YI
SHENG YE, XIAO YI, COME ON IN!

HOW COULD YOU? WHY DID YOU BRING ME TO MEET YOUR FIRST LOVE?
"FIRST..."
"FIRST LOVE?!" PFFT. HA-HAHA! I.. I'M NOT!
Sigh
HEY! WHAT'S THE MEAN-ING OF THIS?
HUH?!
YOU TELL HER I'LL TAKE A STROLL IN THE COURT-YARD.
WAIT WHAT? YOU BROUGHT ME ALL THE WAY HERE SO WHY WON'T YOU TELL ME YOUR-SELF?
.....
THAT KID.. HE PROBABLY DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO INTRO-DUCE ME TO YOU
I...AM SHENG YE'S MOTHER!

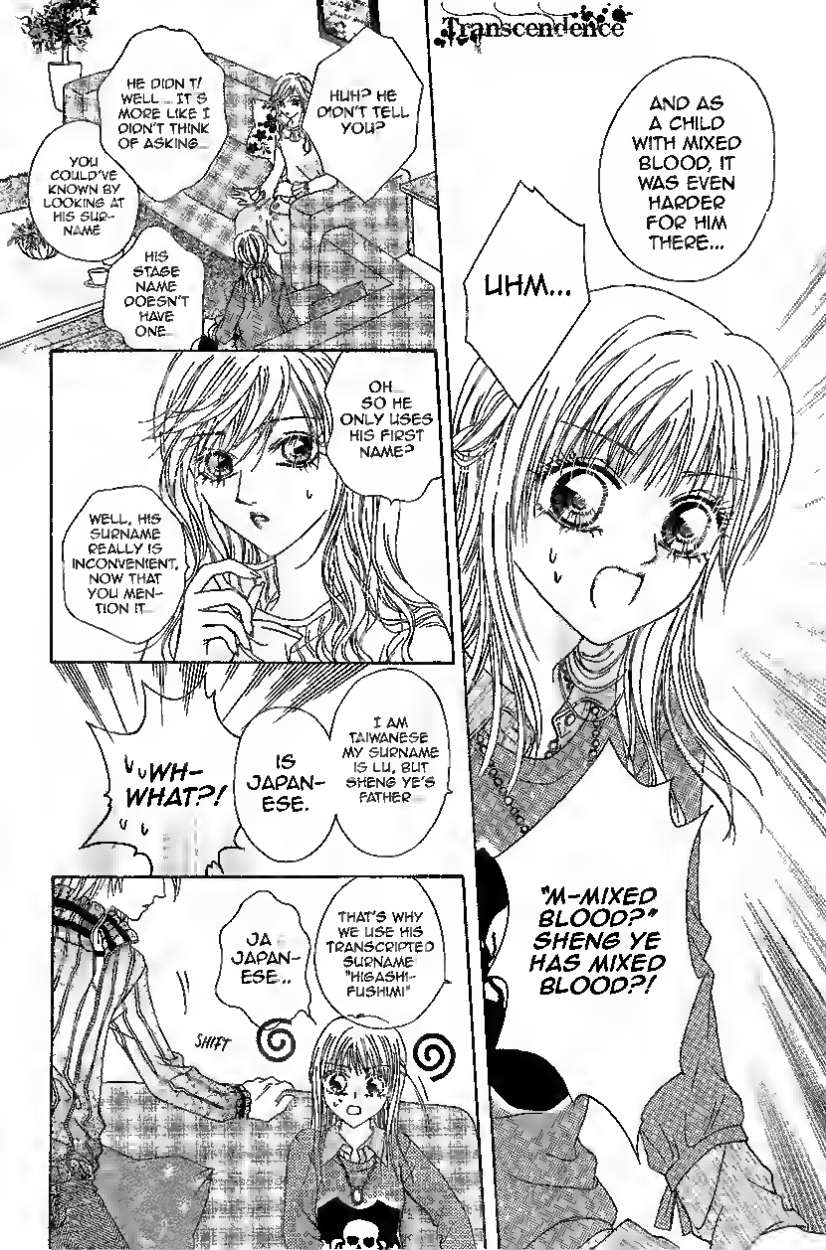
I SEE, SO YOU'RE HIS MOTHER. NICE TO MEET YOU!
Ahaha
WHAAT?! SHENG YE'S MOTHER?!
Is it that surprising?
Transcendence
YOU'RE SO SWEET! JUST CALL ME BIG SISTER FE LING!
AFTER ALL I'M ONLY THIRTY-SIX YEARS OLD.
Embarrassed
I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BE SO... AUNTIE HMM.. CALLING YOU "BIG SISTER" WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE RIGHT?
SHENG YE THAT JERK... IT'S BECAUSE HE DIDN'T TELL ME WE'D BE HERE TO SEE YOU TODAY
AHAHA! YOUR REACTION REALLY WAS FUNNY, SO HONEST AND STRAIGHT-FORWARD!
TH-THIRTY-SIX?! IN THAT CASE, YOU
I DID GET MARRIED VERY EARLY.
SHENG YE.. HE'S SO TALL ALREADY SO HE GREW UP THAT MUCH.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HAS IT BEEN THAT LONG SINCE YOU'VE SEEN EACH OTHER?
MHM. A VERY LONG TIME. IT'S ONLY BEEN A WEEK SINCE I RETURNED FROM TAIWAN
WHILE SHOPPING IN A BOOK STORE, I HEARD PEOPLE SAY "SHENG YE."
Rustle
I'D BEEN WATCHING SO MANY OF HIS SHOWS AND BILLBOARD PORTRAITS, AND I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT WAS HIM.
TO THINK HE'D TURN OUT TO LOOK LIKE THAT
WHEN I LEFT SHENG YE,
Rustle

HE WAS ONLY NINE YEARS OLD...
Nine years ago, we...
"Nine years..."
were very happy...

SHENG YE! IF YOU LEAVE YOUR MOUTH OPEN FOR TOO LONG, YOU'LL CATCH DUST!
Cover
OH... WHERE'S OL' DAD-DY?
HE WENT TO BUY CHERRY CAKE, BECAUSE MOMMY HAS A SWEET TOOTH! ♡
SHENG YE, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
EATING CHERRY BLOS-SOMS!
PULL
THAT'S EXTREMELY UNPLEASANT TO HEAR DON'T CALL ME OLD!
AHA! OL' DADDY IS REALLY CONSIDER-ATE!
MOMMY!
HUH?
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S SO EASY TO SAY
AND YOU'RE JUST GOING ALONG WITH IT?
WAHH YOU'RE SO MEAN

Every year, in March,
we'd go to enjoy the scenery together. The pink sea of cherry blossoms hanging above us and the petals dancing in the air.
"The blossoms are very beautiful in Taiwan too. Let's go see them some time."
"Next year we'll go back to Taiwan to watch them"
"Okay!"
That promise... Seems like it'll be a million years before it's fulfilled..
Super cold and detached
Lively?" "Bizarre?!"
I can't possibly link those two together.
Are you sure we're talking about the same person?
THAT HOUSEHOLD CHANGED HIM A LOT
DEEP-ROOTED TRADITIONAL IDEALS, AS WELL AS THE HEAVY BURDEN OF RESPONSIBILITY
WHEN HE WAS LITTLE, HE WAS VERY LIVELY AND BIZARRE!
ALL MY MEMORIES OF SHENG YE ARE FROM HIS CHILDHOOD
SAY WHAT?


HE DIDN'T! WELL... IT'S MORE LIKE I DIDN'T THINK OF ASKING...
HUH? HE DIDN'T TELL YOU?
YOU COULD'VE KNOWN BY LOOKING AT HIS SURNAME
HIS STAGE NAME DOESN'T HAVE ONE...
OH... SO HE ONLY USES HIS FIRST NAME?
WELL, HIS SURNAME REALLY IS INCONVENIENT, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
WH-WHAT?!
IS JAPANESE.
I AM TAIWANESE MY SURNAME IS LU, BUT SHENG YE'S FATHER
JA JAPANESE..
THAT'S WHY WE USE HIS TRANSCRIPTED SURNAME "HIGASHI-FUSHIMI"
SHIFT
AND AS A CHILD WITH MIXED BLOOD, IT WAS EVEN HARDER FOR HIM THERE...
UHM...
"M-MIXED BLOOD?" SHENG YE HAS MIXED BLOOD?!

SO YOUR FULL NAME IS HIGASHIFUSHIMI SHENG YE!
YOUR FATHER IS JAPANESE!! HIS SURNAME IS HIGASHI!!! "HIGASHI-FUSHIMI."
YOU DON'T HAVE TO LOOK SO SHOCKED
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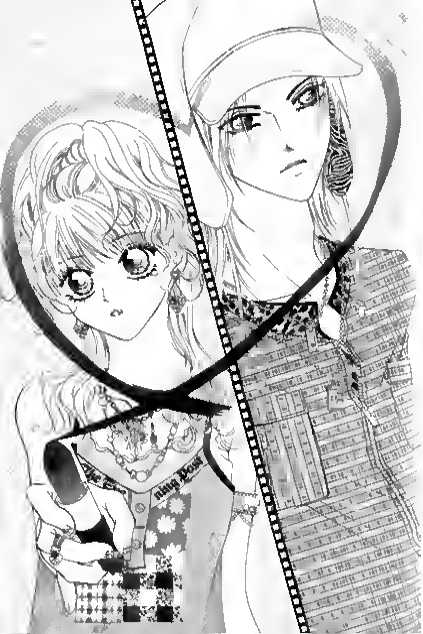

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